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1. The 25th MVD Regiment is stationed in Panevezys, billeted at the corner of May 9th Street (formerly February 16th Street) and Republic Street. [redacted] there are not less than 1,000 to 1,500 men in the regiment. There are also large military units stationed seven kilometers outside the city, in the village of Berciunai. There is an MGB unit whose duty it is to fight the partisans. The MGB, MVD, Militia, and Istrebiteli all have Lithuanian members; only the MGB unit for fighting partisans is exclusively Russian.
2. There are several sections to the Militia, which belongs to the MVD. Among them are a passport section, a theft section, a section to deal with speculation (known as the "Bukaest"), and a militia section whose men wear militia or army uniforms. The Militia in Panevezys are billeted on May 9th Street. 25X1
3. [redacted] MGB headquarters are on May 9th Street, as are all the Militia and MVD establishments in Panevezys.
4. In Subaciuss (55-44N, 24-46E) there are about five MGB officers. There is no MVD garrison. [redacted] militia lieutenants and many istrebiteli, all of whom are billeted on Subaciuss Street.
5. [redacted] some security officers were punished for giving information to the partisans among them an MVD chief named Cepulis, who

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received a 25-year sentence. Some MGB officials sold information to the partisans for gold.

6. In Kretinga County (55-54N, 21-15E) there is an MGB garrison for the apprehension of partisans. This garrison has about 40 regular men and eight trucks. In addition, there are reserves of 100 to 150 men, as well as 15 to 20 istrebiteili.
7. In the Plateliai (56-04N, 21-43E) area there is an MGB garrison of 15 to 20 men, while the istrebiteili have about five men. The MGB chief has a secretary and a typist, and may also have one or more "leg men". The activists also are directly responsible to him, and report three times per week.
8. In general, activists on collective farms near town number about ten to 15 persons. In more isolated villages very often there are no activists because the partisans shoot them. Women are frequently included among the activists.
9. In the Kedainiai (55-16N, 23-59E) area there is an MVD garrison of about 150 men, a militia force of about 50, and about 30 istrebiteili. Kedainiai Township has an MVD garrison of about 30 men, a militia of about five men, and about 15 istrebiteili.
10. The istrebiteili are beginning to become less dangerous to the partisans, because they receive very poor compensation and when they come to a village they are more interested in obtaining a meal than in fulfilling their duties. In general their morale has fallen considerably, and their appearance is reminiscent of the Good Soldier Schweik. Some have deserted to the partisans.

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1. Comments: garrisons for combatting partisans are under the jurisdiction of the MVD, not the MGB.

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